

ORIGINAL DEFECTIVE

Committee of Trade Unionists and Citizens Should Investigate Bridge Tragedy!

STATEMENT OF THE SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY ON THE BRIDGE TRAGEDY

Ten workers on the Golden Gate Bridge plunged to a horrible death when the scaffolding on which they were working

ripped loose and crashed into the bay. Many of them breadwinners for their families, they leave wives, children, mothers who will derive little consolation from being told that these men were victims to "progress."

What sort of "progress" is it that permitted the Pacific

These men were sacrificed not

to progress but to greed, to the lust for profit of the bridge company!

Let us give meaning to the tribute we pay them. Families of the victims, their brothers in the organized labor movement, citizens of San Francisco who are concerned with justice and hu-

man welfare—the proposed investigations must not whitewash the guilty. They must pin responsibility on the person or organization that is to blame, and insure that punishment is meted out. Legislation must be enacted to prevent the profits of industrialists taking precedence over

the safety of workers! The State Industrial Accident Commission is equally responsible with the steel company, for this tragedy. Warnings are not sufficient when lives are at stake. The Commission should have ordered all work stopped!

Our San Francisco Bridges have been built with an unnecessary loss of human life. The action of the people will guarantee that these shameful tragedies will not be repeated.

The following steps must be taken at once:

- 1—The setting up of an investigating committee of trade unionists chosen by the Central Labor Council, and other outstanding progressive citizens including educators, ministers and professional people.
- 2—Maximum compensation for life for the dependents of the 10 martyrs to greed.

Hear the Spanish Youth Delegation Next Wed.
Feb. 24, in L. A.

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10 DIE IN GATE BRIDGE DISASTER

URGE TIRELESS WORK FOR L. A. LABOR'S AIMS

Municipal Elections Conference, Ended Tells Next Steps

LOS ANGELES — Following the decision of the Central Labor Council at the February 12th meeting, Labor's Conference for the Municipal Elections unanimously adopted a resolution, Sunday, February 14, dissolving itself as an organization.

"In dissolving our organization," the statement reads, "we call upon the delegates to the Central Labor Council, especially those who voted no on the resolution to now work tirelessly and in concert through and with the Joint Executive Board and the various affiliated trade councils and the Labor Unions to endorse those candidates who definitely stand for the Labor's program, and to actively work for their elections."

For Solid Labor Front

Accepting the decision of the Central Labor Council, the resolution of the Executive Committee stated "though we are not

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BUTTE CO. FOLK FIGHT BAN ON SPAIN DELEGATE

Farmers Join in Fight for Spain Meeting

OROVILLE — The Butte County Independence Club here has adopted a resolution assailing the Chico Board of Education for barring the use of the Chico public schools to the Spanish Youth delegation, who are to speak here Feb. 20.

The Paradise Grange, farmers' organization, has also attacked the action against the Spanish delegation.

Liberal and progressive groups in this area are lining up behind the fight against this violation of freedom of speech.

25 Years Ago—1912
FEBRUARY 21

SAN FRANCISCO — Judge W. P. Lawlor dismisses indictments against Abe Ruef, ex-political boss of state.

MEXICO CITY — Federal troops win bitter battle at Cuernavaca against anti-Madero rebels.

FEBRUARY 23

OAKLAND — Three pickets at Southern Pacific shops arrested. They were awaiting strikebreakers.

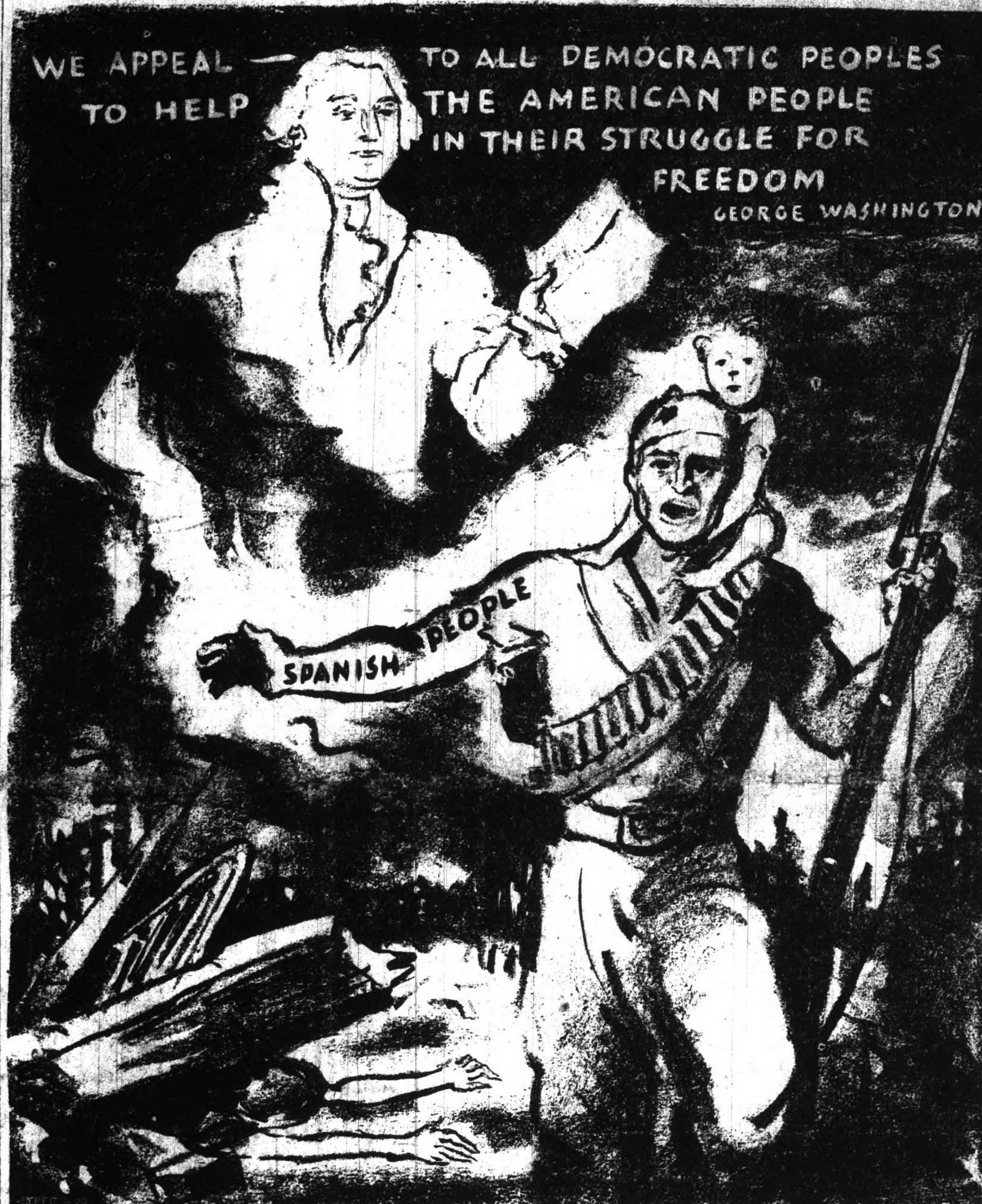
SAN FRANCISCO — Jury completed taking of testimony before Judge Lawlor in trial of ex-Mayor Schmitz for graft.

FEBRUARY 23

CLEVELAND — Theodore Roosevelt announces his hat is in the ring for the Republican presidential nomination.

FEBRUARY 24

SACRAMENTO — P. G. & E. refuses demands of Gas and Water Workers' Union for wage increases to cover San Francisco, Sacramento, Vallejo, Oakland, Stockton and San Jose.



WHITEWASH FOR L.A. RAILWAY CO. IN CAR CRASH

Motorman Is Blamed By the Utilities Board

LOS ANGELES — The Board of Public Utilities and Transportation here, bent over backwards Tuesday, February 16, in favor of the Los Angeles Railway Corporation when it decided that the crash of an old, antiquated street car at 1st and Hill Streets, last February 8 was the fault of the motorman, L. E. Wahl.

Nicely enough this decision agreed perfectly with that reached by the company, represented by J. Stewart Neary, executive assistant to the president of the San

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150 AT AFL FARM LABOR MEETING

60 Locals From South To Be At Confab

The California State Federation has announced that it expects over 150 delegates to its conference on agriculture, to be held this Saturday and Sunday in San Francisco.

Walter Cowan, chairman of the Federation's Committee on agricultural organization, reports unusually enthusiastic response.

The setting up of one statewide union of agricultural workers instead of scattered groups is the aim of the conference, Cowan said.

NEGROES RAP HOLMAN GANG TERRORISM

Well Aware of Strike-Breaking Purposes

SAN FRANCISCO — Lee Holman, the "general" of an army of thugs, has been told by the National Negro Congress that the majority of Negroes are well aware of Holman's union-breaking aims.

Holman was informed of the attitude of the Negro people in a letter sent him by the San Francisco Council of the National Negro Congress, through E. L. McDaniel, chairman. The letter follows:

"As chairman of the San

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Labor League Will Aid FD Court Plan

WASHINGTON — Labor's Non-Partisan League has thrown its support behind President Roosevelt's judiciary program, particularly the plan to increase the membership of the U.S. Supreme Court.

George L. Berry, of the Pressmen, Sidney Hillman and John L. Lewis have announced a national convention of the League, to be held here in 3 weeks.

Means Legalizing of Peaceful Picketing

SAN FRANCISCO — Counteracting the vicious open shop propaganda that repeal of the anti-picket law would mean violence, the General Campaign Committee for Repeal of the Anti-Picketing Ordinance has sent the following letter to all members of San Francisco organized labor:

"On March 9, 1937, Organized Labor comprising all the members of 200 unions in San Francisco comprising 75,000 members will go to the polls en masse to repeal the Anti-Picketing Ordinance at the special election on that day. Vote 'YES' for Repeal of Number 19."

"You, as a member of organized labor and a member of a (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

'NO PASARAN!' SAY 4,000 IN S. F. AUDIENCE

Loyalists In Spain Advance 2 1/2 M. Against Franco

MADRID — Loyalist forces advanced two and a half miles in the La Victoria Section southeast of Madrid in the course of a 20-hour pitched battle. The advance is further assurance that the government will successfully defend the Madrid-Valladolid road.

The advance took place with government armies under a unified command headed by General Jose Miaja, formerly in charge of the Madrid defenses only.

A day before, government air forces had beat off a mass air attack on the road. While the Jarama advance was in progress, Fascist launched another bombing attack on Madrid, coupled with artillery fire from the north. One shell struck the Belgian embassy. Eleven were reported killed and 72 injured in this attack, a continuation of Fascist efforts to spread terror behind the lines.

ANSWER (By Eugenio Imaz): I did not know this. I am very happy to hear of it, although it is very important.

ANSWER (By Luis Simarro): The government has to be careful about the Trotzkyites because the enemy is in front of us, and we don't want the enemy in the rear also.

QUESTION: Do you approve of the action of the government in suppressing the PGUM (Trotzkyite party) and its newspapers and radio station?

ANSWER (By Luis Simarro):

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QUESTION: Have any steps been taken recently toward organic unity between the Communist and Socialist parties?

ANSWER (By Simarro): Organic unity is now being achieved in Valencia. It will be achieved throughout Spain as soon as representatives of both parties have time to sit down at a conference table and arrange it.

QUESTION: Are the Anarcho-Syndicalists firmly behind the government? Capitalist press reports state there is friction.

ANSWER (By Simarro): All

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VOTE "YES" ON NUMBER 19, S. F.!

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IT'S YOUR PAPER—IF YOU WANT IT, SUPPORT IT NOW!

IN SPAIN—"Mundo Obrero," organ of the heroic Communist Party of Spain, is helping to organize the people's army in successful defense against General Franco's Moors, Foreign Legionnaires, German Nazis and Italian Fascists.

IN CALIFORNIA—"THE WESTERN WORKER" is YOUR organ for the daily fight for better living and working conditions, for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party as a bulwark against the bankers, the industrialists and their agents.

If you want the "Western" to continue in 1937 as your invaluable ally in your bread-and-butter struggles, you MUST support our \$12,000 financial sustaining drive, and support it in a hurry.

Six thousand more dollars must be raised to guarantee our publication through 1937!

Spanish Catholic Hits Treacherous Spain Trotzkyites

(Following is an interview with the Spanish youth delegation by a Western Worker representative in San Francisco. The delegation is composed of Josefina Ramirez, Red Cross nurse; Maria Simarro, head of a war orphanage; Luis Simarro, wounded militia commander; Eugenio Imaz, young Catholic editor.)

QUESTION: What role have the Trotzkyites played in Spain?

ANSWER (By Eugenio Imaz): This problem seems to us over-exaggerated. To us, it's a small problem. I was very indignant when the Trotzkyite newspaper La Battalia (now suppressed by the Spanish government) carried slogans against the People's Front and against the government. By use of "revolutionary" demagogic, they tried to undermine our defense.

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More Tentacles of Graft Octopus

SPANISH YOUTH DELEGATION IN THE SOUTH; LOS ANGELES FEB. 24; RAISE \$400, PEDRO

Pouring Rain Fails to Prevent Seamen and Agricultural Workers From Coming In San Pedro to Hear of Spain

LOS ANGELES—Carriers of the heroic spirit of the united Spanish youth, Josephine Ramirez, Maria Gloria Simarro, Eugenio Imaz, and Luis Simarro, official youth delegation of the Spanish Government, will speak at the Shrine Auditorium Wednesday, February 24th.

14 LOCALS NOW BACK 6-HR. DAY IN BUILDING

Murphy Tells of Plans of 6-Hour Conference

SAN FRANCISCO—The Building Trades Council here, will submit the proposal of a demand for a 6-hour day with 8 hours pay to a referendum of all affiliated unions, it was announced this week.

The proposal will be submitted in the form of a resolution (recently printed in the WESTERN WORKER), which fourteen locals have already endorsed.

They include:

- Carpenters' Union, No. 22;
- Carpenters and Pile Drivers, No. 34;
- Lumber Clerks and Handlers, No. 2559;
- Felt and Composition Roofers, No. 40;
- Varnish and Paint Makers; Hod Carriers, No. 36;
- Millmen, No. 42;
- Construction and General Laborers, No. 261;
- Ornamental Plasterers, No. 460;
- Plasterers, No. 68;
- Painters, No. 1158;
- Asbestos Workers; Glass Workers, No. 718;
- Bricklayers, No. 7.

"The six-hour day is a very practical step for the building trades industry and can be better realized by united action in the industry," Murphy, as chairman of the six-hour building trades conference committee said. "The resolution asks that each union go on record as endorsing in principle the six-hour day, with no reduction in pay, when negotiating new agreements."

Each union will be asked to send delegates to the conference.

C. Costa Council Temporary Stay In Fink Book, Pedro

Federal Judges in Seattle and Portland on Thursday issued temporary injunctions preventing requirement that seamen must ship out with the continuous discharge books.

LOS ANGELES—A legal victory over the infamous Copeland fink books was won by maritime unions when temporary injunction restraining U.S. Shipping Commissioner Woodruff from holding up ships whose crews do not have the books, was handed down by Federal Judge Stephens here this week.

The writ, which was given to Arthur Sapiro, attorney for the unions, will be effective until Tuesday, February 23, when a permanent ruling will be given by Judge Stephens.

With the granting of the order, three ships that had been held up in port because the crew would not accept the books, were set free and sailed during the day.

It Happened In California

ALTURAS WANTS RATE CUT

ALTURAS—Following a public meeting of consumers here, a demand has been sent to the State Railroad Commission that rates charged by the California Public Service Co. be investigated. An organization of consumers was formed.

ASK EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

ROSEVILLE—Roseville city council has asked the state relief administration to set up a branch office here. Persons seeking SRA jobs have had to go to Auburn to register.

JOBLESS MEN SUICIDES

OAKLAND—Unable to obtain work two unemployed workers here committed suicide. Emil Johnson, 62, hanged himself in the basement of his home, and Alex Sprachan, 53, killed himself by monoxide gas in his garage.

IT'S NO SURPRISE

SACRAMENTO—The Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, believing after a hearty luncheon, announced it will oppose 6-hour day, 5-day week legislation for railroad workers. The strike continues solid.

UNPOPULAR



SAY WPA HEAD WILL VIOLATE PLEDGE IN L. A.

Citizens Committee
Charges He Plans
To Drop 1400

LOS ANGELES—Though Colonel Donald Connolly, Los Angeles WPA administrator announced Monday, Feb. 15, that there will be no further cuts in WPA quotas in Los Angeles, the Citizen's Relief Committee came out the same day with the announcement that 1400 relief workers are to be dropped from WPA rolls.

Connolly, just returned from a conference in Chicago with national relief administrator Harry Hopkins, states that the quota of 47,000 workers will be maintained under new, improved allocation provisions.

In the future, Connolly said, Los Angeles, operating as an autonomous relief unit, will be on a 90-day allocation basis instead of the present 30-day basis. This new arrangement will, according to him, enable Los Angeles to operate more efficiently. Under the old plan relief officials never knew from one month to the next how many workers would be employed.

But, despite Connolly's reassuring announcements, it seems that relief officials don't know from one hour to the next, now, just how many workers will be employed.

The Citizen's Committee maintains that approximately 1400 persons will be dropped because they refused to fill out the odious questionnaire, being circulated by SRA offices.

So far in the LACRA questionnaire drive, 1232 persons have been dropped—many because they would not submit to such an outrageous infringement on their individual rights and liberties.

EAST BAY LABOR TICKET MEETING

Old Guard Sabotaged Labor Council Resolution

OAKLAND—The tentative platform and slate of candidates for a Labor Ticket in municipal elections here this spring, will be submitted to the Alameda County Non-Partisan Political Federation of Labor by the Policy Committee this Saturday, February 20, 8 p. m., at the Federation's meeting at Carpenters Hall, 761 12th St.

At the Alameda County Central Labor Council last Monday night the "old guard" reactionaries staged a filibuster on a motion to instruct the Council delegates to the Federation, Fee and Spooner, to support the council's stand for an independent labor ticket at the Federation's meeting next Saturday.

Issue Confused

The motion lost 45 to 50, but observers noted that several delegates who had voted progressive throughout, voted against the motion, confused by reactionary interpretations that the council had no right to instruct its delegates.

Delegate Morris, Musicians' Union, who foisted himself without credentials on Federation executive sessions, began an insulting tirade against John Wolters, progressive leader.

Aiding Key Political Machine

Reactionaries Sweeney, Silverthorn, Risley, Morris, Manning and Patterson raised the cry of "dictatorship" on the ground they did not know the proposals of the Federation's Policy Committee.

Healey Squirms In Modesto Inquiry

District Attorney Cleary of Stanislaus County and Glenn M. De Vore, his assistant in the Modesto frameup, were on Thursday barred from listening to testimony before the special legislative committee, now in San Francisco.

Captain George Healey of the San Francisco police department and Ralph O. Marron, deputy state attorney general, squirmed after the manner of the guilty under questioning in San Francisco on the Modesto frameup. After sessions in Los Angeles the hearing is now being conducted in the state building in San Francisco.

James Scudder, according to Healey, was no more than an informer for police. But, "why don't you arrest Buyle and Rodgers the night that Scudder had told you they stole the dynamite, and told you where it was?"

"We weren't sure where it was," answered Healey, who then admitted that he had been told it was in the Bay Hotel at the foot of Sacramento Street. Police searched for the dynamite, said Healey, but strangely enough they didn't search the Bay Hotel.

Healey couldn't explain why he didn't arrest the framed union workers the night they left for Modesto without knowing the dynamite was in the cars. He had simply notified the Stanislaus County sheriff that the cars were on their way, and made no effort to contact officers either in San Francisco or in other counties through which they would pass.

Scudder admitted on the stand in L. A. that he had received \$600 from Standard Oil after the frameup. Marron, when asked why he did not question Chief Standard Oil stool pigeon J. P. Arnold on company payments to Scudder before the frameup, said he "didn't think it was material."

How Many Did You Answer?

1—A Typographical Union existed in Los Angeles in 1860.

2—An organization formed by California employers in July, 1867 "to prevent the eight-hour labor system being adopted." It was fought by the Mechanics' Eight-Hour League, organized in August, 1867.

3—Mexico ceded California to the United States under the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, signed February 2, 1848.

4—On July 29, 1891, out of a merger of the Steamship Sailors' Union and Coast Seamen's Union.

5—Stevedores and longshoremen struck for \$6 a day in May, 1851, the first known strike of dock workers in California.

YOUTH REJECT INDIGNITY IN SANTA BARBARA

Moldy Laws Halt Meet of Spanish Delegation

SANTA BARBARA—Digging up some long dis-used city statutes, fascist-minded cops, American Legionnaires, and Catholics here prevented the Spanish Youth Delegation from speaking Monday, February 15, as they had been scheduled.

On Saturday, two days before their engagement, the members of the delegation, Maria Simarro, Josephine Ramirez, and Eugenio Imaz, were told that in accordance with city statutes they would not be able to speak unless their talks were first submitted to local censorship.

Moldy Laws

Another obsolete law that was dug up, rotten and moldy, was one that prohibited any collection speech in a school building, if the money were to be taken out of the city.

In a telegram to the Mayor protesting the undemocratic attempts to stifle these representatives of Spanish democracy, the members of the delegation declared that they could not submit to such an indignity that would require a committee representing the Spanish government and recognized as such by the United States government, to submit to local, petty censorship.

The telegram demanded that the Youth delegation be accorded the same courtesy and privileges as had been accorded it in thirty-five other American cities.

The Mayor, however, refused to have anything to do with it, and the delegation did not speak in Santa Barbara.

HITS HASTE TO BLAME FLYERS

Jury "Can Not Determine" Cause of Air Line Crash

While a San Mateo County grand jury found itself "unable to determine" the cause of last week's United Air Lines passenger plane crash, which killed 11 people, the Air Line Pilots' Association expressed its belief that there has been "too much blaming of pilots in many of the airplane crashes."

The Association declared that testimony of witnesses and veterans pilots proved that Pilot "Tommy" Thompson and Co-pilot DeCesaro could not be charged with an error in piloting both Thompson and DeCesaro lost their lives in the crash.

"It is the opinion of the pilots," said the statement, "that an abrupt change in the line of flight, only a short time before the ship touched water at a rather sharp angle, would under the circumstances not have been made unless trouble developed."

The right wing and motor of the big Douglas plane are still missing, and there is increasing belief that they could prove structural faults in the plane. John A. Grennan, Jr., son and brother of two of the passengers lost in the crash, charged lack of rescue equipment to the company.

Whitewash for L.A. Railway Company

(Continued from Page One) learned that Dr. George Parrish, Los Angeles city health officer, received \$200 a month for being the radio stage of four large local dairies—Borden, Adohr, Golden State and Western Dairy—in testimony of Frank Glass, California Milk Producers' Association executive.

Mr. Parrish utilized a weekly radio talk all of last year to warn against raw milk and to advocate pasteurized milk as "the safest milk to drink," "scientific" propaganda against small dairy men who can't afford expensive pasteurizing equipment.

Presented by the Executive Committee of Labor's Conference the statement received the whole-hearted support of every delegate present.

All the delegates joined in

expressing their approval of the need for unified independent political action on the part of labor in and through the Central Labor Council.

Nine persons were injured in the crash when the old wooden street car skipped the rails, plunged into a telephone pole and snapped it in half, leaving the upper part dangling in the air, and finally ended upon a brick sandwich stand which was razed to the ground.

Nearly, long-time hater of labor and instrumental in breaking the 1934 Street Car Workers' strike, declared "either the hand brakes or the magnetic brakes would have held the car, if properly applied."

From Wahl, however, the story is this:

"The magnetic brakes failed to take hold, and I tried frantically to use the hand brake. It failed to work either, as we crashed on down the hill."

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the upper part dangling in the air,

and finally ended upon a brick sandwich stand which was

razed to the ground.

Delegates are now ready for

progressive thought. We can do

a lot by taking definite steps

to crystallize this vote of 105

in working towards independent

political action."

C. R. Van Winkle, president of Labor's Conference for the Municipal Elections, said, "only by broadening the movement and listening to the desires of the rank and file of the labor movement can we succeed."

Delegate after delegate firmly emphasized "our aim is not to divide labor but to unite labor."

In adopting the statement Labor's Conference reiterated its support of labor's step toward independent action in the political field.

"We have constantly urged that

it is in the best interest of labor

to enter as an independent force

in the political life of our city,

county and state," the statement read.

Recognizing that the vote to

dissolve the Conference in no

way constitutes a defeat, many

delegates correctly declared that

they felt the Conference had

performed a great service in

bringing to the front the necessity

for labor's participation in

political activities.

A visitor at the Conference

meeting, one of the 105 delegates

who voted "no" at the Council

meeting said,

"I am not a member of this

organization, but I am one of the

105 that voted with you.

Your actions have been all right

—the Council has a set-up that

we can work within and suc-

cessful."

BULLETS FOR MURDERERS

ATHENS—The Athens (Greece) munitions factory has received an order for 5,000,000 infantry cartridges for the Spanish Fascists.

SPAIN CATHOLIC RAPPS TROTZKY- LED TREACHERY

Trade Union Unity Is
Near, Says Luis
Simarro

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friction between the Anarcho-Syndical

SPAIN GOV'T NOT COMMUNIST, BUT COMMUNISTS PROVE BEST DEFENDERS OF THE REPUBLIC

Foreign Minister Del Vayo Affirms That People Are United Against Fascism, Regardless of Political Belief

NEW YORK—Julio Alvarez del Vayo, Spain's foreign minister, in cabled answers to questions sent by the Scripps-Howard newspapers, boldly answered those who attack democracy in Spain by using disagreement with Communism as a pretext.

Del Vayo declared that the will to win against Fascism is shared by all those who defend liberty, and that the independence of Spain necessitated the formulation of a democratic parliamentary Spain to which all the anti-Fascist elements in the country could give their help.

At the same time he praised the Communists of Spain, declaring they "show the most enthusiasm in the defense of the republic, and are most firmly opposed to certain premature experiments of agricultural collectivization."

Answering questions most in the minds of American people,

Calif. Meetings Of Spanish Youth Delegation

Feb. 19—Oakland Civic Auditorium, 8 p. m.

Feb. 20—Vacaville, Spanish Hall, 8 p. m. (half of delegation).

Feb. 20—Chico Memorial Auditorium, 8 p. m. (half of delegation).

Feb. 21—Sunnyvale, Cervantes Hall; banquet 11 a. m., meeting 2 p. m. (half of delegation).

Feb. 21—Pittsburg, 2 p. m. Gato Hall, Third and Black Diamond Streets (half of delegation).

Feb. 22—Monterey, 2:30 p. m., meeting; 8 p. m. dance, Union High School.

and put to him by Roy W. Howard, del Vayo recalled the electoral victory of the popular front in elections conducted under the direction of a politician of the old school, Portela Valderrama.

"Support of all anti-Fascist elements for the government," continued del Vayo, "culminated in the inclusion in the government of two most extreme elements—the Basque Catholic Party on the one hand, and the National Labor Confederation, of anarchistic leanings, on the other hand. The participation of the latter caused a greater left tendency than in the government formed immediately after the elections."

The foreign minister declared that no government would evolve from the People's Front that would disregard the specific features of Spain. This was in answer to a question of whether the American or French type of democracy or a Soviet system was the logical outcome of the People's Front.

"Naturally," he added, "the tremendous actual upheaval in Spain caused by the disloyalty of the army, and the betrayal of the conservative classes by their conversion into an instrument of foreign domination, makes it difficult to predict safely the final form of government."

"Must Be Modified" The Spanish capitalistic system must immediately be modified. It must be remembered that it is a barbarous form of capitalism, as is proved by the agricultural system in Andalusia, which is a veritable disgrace. In Andalusia there were, in 1936, whole regions belonging to one landowner which were not even cultivated, with the result that thousands of men, women and children were living at the point of starvation."

Del Vayo declined to estimate

Basques Thank Irish For Help

DUBLIN—President Aquinre of the Basque autonomous government has publicly thanked the Irish Republican Congress and its leader, Peader O'Donnell, for their aid to the Loyalist cause in the Spanish civil war. The Irish brigade of the International Column fighting with Basque forces against Fascists in the north has been continuously in action since Dec. 1936. Dennis O'Conor, Dublin non-party republican and a Catholic, was killed and 12 Irishmen wounded in fierce fighting recently on the Andalusian front.

It is not possible to dominate

ARMY PREMIER



GENERAL SENJURI HAYASHI, new Japanese prime minister, and successor to Kuzushige Ugaki, who was unacceptable to the military-Fascist crowd.

GOV'T FAVERED OVER FASCISTS BY U. S. PUBLIC

Pacific Coast Shows Most Sympathy for Spanish People

NEW YORK—The Spanish government enjoys the preponderance of sentiment over the Fascists in the minds of the American public, according to the survey of the "American Institute of Public Opinion," released here by George Gallup, director.

The institute, which compiled the figures by interviews of cross-sections in all areas of the United States, found that 22 per cent of those questioned definitely favored the government as opposed to 12 per cent who were reported favoring the Fascist cause.

After boldly inscribing the emblem of the international working class for all to see, the pilot streaked off into nowhere ahead of military and police pursuers.

Now who could have done it? Admitting no ignorance, the war department announced:

"We know the airplane's origin," but added that it would not be disclosed.

A certain Major Wehoffer, who went aloft in vain pursuit, remarked that he believed he saw a "Russian" insignia on the plane. Observers agreed they had heard vaguely similar theories before in explanation of matters for which a better explanation could not be advanced.

Proponents of more militarization for Austria claimed it proved their point. In their opinion it was a demonstration of the inadequacy of present defenses, since the plane outsped the pursuers.

Regardless of this, the hammer and sickle is an emblem bringing hope and courage to a vast number of Viennese who do not dare display it under present conditions of terror.

Generals Boycott Session of The Kuomintang

NANKING—Apparently seeking to evade responsibility that would "embarrass" them before the Japanese army, several war lords from northern China have boycotted the sessions of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, government political party, scheduled to open here last Monday.

Their attitude, which is believed to be the result of direct agreement with the Japanese army, only emphasizes the growth of anti-Japanese sentiment which is growing despite sufficient means to defend herself and to put her forces at the service of European rights and world peace."

Shall Never Forget

"Never shall we forget the activity of the German fleet in Spanish water that has shown, with a few ships, that it is capable of more insolence and audacity than the world fleets combined, and has acted as ruler to the seas and master of the Mediterranean."

"Never shall we forget that foreign intervention has permitted the destruction of Madrid by German planes. This is a lesson steeped in Spanish blood. Spain will come out of the conflict with sufficient means to defend herself and to put her forces at the service of European rights and world peace."

Religion Not Fought

"In Spain," said del Vayo, "no real anti-religious movement exists. It must be remembered, however, that for centuries the Catholic religion in Spain, instead of being purely spiritual, was equally political... The fact that not all the Catholic clergy have taken this attitude is proved by the admirable conduct of many Catholics in the Basque country."

Asked about foreign troops on both sides, del Vayo said:

"I regard the number of foreigners fighting for the Rebels as very much superior to those on our side. I affirm that Franco and his generals, who to begin with, were Fascist marionettes, now play a purely secondary role because Germans and Italians occupy all the posts of responsibility and are at the side of every enemy gun and machine gun."

Madrid Will Hold

Madrid will not fall, declared del Vayo, citing the glorious defense which has driven back all attacks, but he added:

"I am a firm believer in the military opinion of Ludendorff, who stated that even if the Rebels captured Madrid they would fail to capture the rest of Spain. It is not possible to dominate

MALAGA FALL IS SPUR FOR MORE EFFORT

Huge Demonstrations Show Solidarity Of People

By G. MARION
(Daily Worker Valencia Correspondent)

VALENCIA—The fall of Malaga before the land, sea and air forces of international Fascism shows signs of arousing a popular reaction opposite to that anticipated by the Rebels.

Like the bombing of Madrid, which failed to demoralize the population of the capital and aroused their anger, resulting in a stubborn defense, the intervention of German and Italian forces against Malaga is now rousing patriotic resentment in areas where the people had been less acutely aware of the seriousness of the war.

Bold Approach Beneficial

For the first time the press is publishing such news of defeat as current news, the only other such admissions having been feature articles dealing with Badajoz and Toledo long after they fell.

The immediate effects of this bold approach are highly beneficial.

War Minister Julio Alvarado del Vayo's appeal to his assistants on all fronts, beginning, "Malaga has fallen, and our first duty to those fighting on other fronts, who are correctly certain of final victory, is to tell them the truth at once," is a measure of the increased strength of the People's Front Government compared with October and November, when hesitation and indecision remained in efforts to suppress unfavorable news.

Barcelona showed the strongest reactions. Demonstrations paraded through the Ramblas (boulevards) into the Plaza de la Republica, bearing placards calling for the speediest possible establishment of immediate military service as a fitting tribute to the German and Italian capture of Malaga.

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Courier on the Moscow Trial

Not every capitalist newspaper in California joins the chorus of pro-fascist defense of the Trotzkyite assassins and condemnation of socialism in the Soviet Union. We quote from the column "Week by Week," written by Brooks in the *Sunset Courier*, a newspaper published in the Sunset district of San Francisco:

"Is it reasonable to assume that the Russians would stage a mock trial, a farce, and invite the representatives of world public opinion to sit in? Certainly not."

This was written in answer to the general newspaper attack on the trial, charterizing it as a farce. Answering the charge of terrorism made in the capitalist press, the Courier declares:

"The Russian government has very definitely and vigorously denied the use of terroristic methods of obtaining these confessions. The Russian government publicly and officially repudiates, not only in this case, but in all cases, this inhuman judicial practice, so common under the Czars, so generally practiced by fascist nations, and one might even add, so common in the local police stations of America."

After ridiculing the drug and hypnosis "theories" of the capitalist press to "explain" the confessions, the Courier says:

"Confronted at last with this evidence, the accused has no alternative but to confess."

The Courier's concluding remarks on the Moscow Trial are:

"I believe we may fairly assume the Russians are an intelligent and decent race, fairly able to handle their own treason cases, and that American newspapers will do international friendship a good turn by confining their efforts to build circulation to news story build-ups to such local affairs as the Hauptmann case."

Franco and Hearst Gloat

William Randolph Hearst is very generous in the amount of newspaper space he is devoting to General Franco's statements on the capture of Malaga. The general, naturally, fails to mention that without the help of sixteen thousand Italian troops Malaga never would have fallen. And Mr. Hearst is all too willing to further the impression that Spaniards fighting in the fascist forces are the bulk of Franco's army.

Franco is again gloating; again predicting the fall of Madrid at the victorious conclusion of the fascist invasion—sooner than the most optimistic dare to think.

We have heard so many boastful predictions of the fall of Madrid that they cease to become interesting. Even the tens of thousands of German and Italian soldiers now actively fighting against the Spanish people are not sufficient to capture Madrid.

Naturally, Madrid is not free from danger. Especially so since the importations of fascist troops, fully trained and equipped, continues. But Messers. Franco and Hearst are a bit premature, to put it mildly, in their glee. The fall of Madrid, if it should ever fall to the attacks of tens of thousands of imported troops, would not bring victory for the fascists. The fascists will never be victorious in Spain.

"The time will come when other countries will realize that the Spanish civil war is not just that, but a struggle in which the fate of the whole world might be decided."

These words, written by Franco for the Hearst press, are calculated to win world-wide support from all the forces of fascism and reaction for Franco.

What Franco and Hearst are trying not to see is that the world-wide forces of democracy, progress, and peace are fast rallying to the support of democracy and progress in Spain, to aid the People's Front Government.

Franco, Hitler, Mussolini and Trotzky may cry all they can about the issue being Communism or fascism; the world is learning that the issue is not one of Communism: **democracy is at stake.**

Every friend of democracy must double his efforts to aid the embattled Spanish forces of democracy!

Where Do Our Legislators Stand

All trade unions and other progressive organizations are urged to give full support to the meetings being arranged in various counties by the Executive Committee set up at the California People's Legislative Conference. These meetings are for the purpose of bringing pressure to bear on all state legislators to support the people's legislative program, as well as to enlist the more active cooperation of those assemblymen and senators who have already manifested an interest.

The latter, twenty-two of whom attended the People's Legislative, urging them to unite in a progressive bloc in the legislature behind the people's bills.

They should be asked, especially, to introduce an anti-violence bill; this is one of the most important of the progressive measures, and was not introduced in January.

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Other legislators should also be visited by committees of voters from the neighborhoods, as well as by official delegation from organizations, and asked to state their position on those measures proposed by the people at Sacramento.

These elected representatives must not be allowed to maintain a noncommittal pose. Either they are for, or against the progressive measures. The people want to know where they stand.

A Suggestion for Pres. Green

The expulsion of President William Green of the American Federation of Labor from his own union, the United Mine Workers of America, raises some interesting problems.

Technically, Green, as a member of the UMWA, ceased to be a member of the AFL following the suspension of the CIO unions by the 58th Annual Convention. The union's action in expelling him merely finished, for Green, the job he himself engineered and initiated.

His traitorous acts with regards to the struggles of the auto workers, his sabotage of the steel and textile workers' organizational drive, certainly stamp him as an enemy to the best interests of organized labor. Green has lately even gone so far as to give AFL charters to two small unions which for years had refused to come in to the AFL and had been fighting it where they could: the Amalgamated Lace Operators and the International Union of Spinners.

This chartering was done with the express purpose of fighting the organizational drive of the United Textile Workers. Instead of working for unity, Green works for splits and division.

Now, with Green's suspension of his own union and his expulsion by that union, putting him outside the AFL, what can he do to regain his standing?

The chances are he will apply to join the Office Workers' Union. But we have a better suggestion: We propose that he form a Union of Expelled Reactionaries, where he, Sharpenburg and several others can pay dues and meet once a year to elect officers and delegates to the national convention.

At least they won't be troubled by any militant rank-and-file movement in such an outfit.

Mr. Chandler is Mad

Harry Chandler is furious. His mouthpiece, Harold M. Finley, writing in Mr. Chandler's open-shop organ, the L.A. Times, is indeed very indignant about the nerve of Harry Bridges, Vito Marcantonio and Mayor Dore of Seattle who "invaded" Los Angeles and talked of the need of organizing that city!

"Where now?" Mr. Finley asks tragically, and adds, "Los Angeles may well be asking itself that question . . . workers already sick of picking and enforced idleness are to be the shock troops of a grand onslaught on the West's last great stronghold of industrial freedom if the pronouncements of these and other of their leaders mean anything."

By "industrial freedom" Mr. Finley, of course, means freedom for the industrialists. This phrase is just his "quaint" way of saying it. As for the industrial workers, Los Angeles has always been a plague-spot. One need not go very far back to see the literature mailed far and wide by the L.A. Chamber of Commerce, inviting industrialists to move their plants there because "labor is cheap and union organization isn't tolerated."

One need not go back very far, either, to the undisputed reign of the infamous "red squad," used to smash working class organizations and strikes.

With the rise of the labor movement in Los Angeles, it is no wonder Mr. Chandler gnashed his editorial teeth and longs "for the good old days."

But these days are gone, Mr. Chandler, and they're never coming back, so you may as well make the best of it.

We suggest a Los Angeles League of Disgruntled Reactionaries, where Mr. Chandler can find solace in the company of his cronies.

Another Surrender

The reactionary press throughout the country is wrathful because of the \$949,000,000 relief deficiency appropriation approved by President Roosevelt to take care of the needs of the unemployed until the end of the fiscal year.

They point out, in attempting to prove the villainy of the administration's acts, that the President had at first said \$500,000,000 would be sufficient; then Harry Hopkins, Federal Relief Administrator, had jacked it up to \$740,000,000; then Roosevelt made it \$790,000,000; finally, both agreed on \$949,000,000.

This would seem to be a race between the President and the Relief Administrator, to see which can go furthest in acting as a friend of the people. This is far from the truth, but even these increases incur the wrath of the reactionaries, who would like to see the relief funds slashed to the barest minimum, no matter what suffering it would cause.

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Despite This, Madrid's Morale Remains High

TWO MADRID children start homeward after a salvaging expedition in a section of Madrid where Italian and German Fascist planes barbarously bombed workers' homes. Despite such Fascist barbarism, the whole population shares the children's morale, with unflagging faith in the certainty of victory for the cause of democracy.

**No Stopping Them Now
In Building The Party****DISCUSS CANNER TEAMSTER MASS
PACT FOR 1937****S. F. and Seattle Unions Get
Set for New Season**

SEATTLE—Representing approximately 700 members of the Teamsters' Union surrounding the docks of the Norton-Lilly and Matson Navigation companies on Wednesday, after non-union men had been sent out of a so-called hiring hall established in Wilmington by the Merchants and Manufacturers Assn.

The Teamsters, at a meeting attended by other organizations, received assurance of support from maritime and other unions.

A telegram was sent President Roosevelt, asking an immediate investigation. The wire stated: "A critical situation has developed in Los Angeles harbor which will tie up the entire waterfront and involve the whole Pacific Coast unless corrected immediately."

The Merchants and Manufacturers' Association is threatening draying companies that business will be taken from them if they deal with the unions.

"The Merchants and Manufacturers are not stopped at once a strike will not be averted," Roosevelt was informed.

**Machinists Halt
Bethlehem Opening**

SAN FRANCISCO.—Failing to reach a satisfactory agreement with their employers more than two thousand members of the Lodge 68 Machinists Union and sympathizers successfully prevented the Bethlehem Machine Shops from continuing operations Thursday morning.

Five unions of the Metal Trades Council had voted to return to work and had come to apply for their jobs. Not having negotiated their demands, the Machinists were compelled to establish a picket line so as to make their stand clear to all unions.

C. Refuses to Negotiate. Employers have constantly refused to negotiate with the Machinists. The last meeting was on February 8. Charges that the shipping companies have coerced shipyard operators into not negotiating with the Machinists local were made by Harry Hook, business agent.

The machinists, cheered by the CIO victory in General Motors, also demand a guaranteed wage of \$1200 a year and two weeks vacation with pay.

Operators proposed a 15% wage cut, and increase from 35 to 40 hours a week.

WANT AGGRESSION. LONDON—Germany's demand for new colonies is expected to be presented to the British cabinet this week.

Machinists stated that they will not return to work before their demands are met.

AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
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The Maritime Strike

(Continued—Part 3)

THE ATTACKS on Harry Bridges and the policies of the strike leadership did not, however, come only from the ranks of the shipowners. During the course of the strike, a number of sharp differences within the unions' ranks came to a head and resulted in an open struggle which the capitalist press and the employers interpreted as a split in the Maritime Federation, although their fond hopes did not materialize.

The attack on Bridges and his policies was led by Harry Lundeberg—secretary of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific and former president of the Maritime Federation; in this attack he was supported by the syndicalist elements influenced by the IWW, by reactionary elements whom Lundeberg himself fought before he became a red-baiter, and by the Trotzkyite disrupters, Barney Mayes (Mass) and Cannon who now masquerade a "Socialists."

Lundeberg and "Job Action"

These differences did not arise just recently. Already as far back as 1935, the Party had to oppose certain policies of Lundeberg and his followers, who were in the main sincere, militant rank and file elements strongly influenced by syndicalist tendencies, who had the typical IWW approach regarding "economic action" as opposed to political action.

Lundeberg advocated a "job-action" policy which seriously threatened the unity of the maritime unions in that it often led to individual walkouts of sailors without consulting the rest of the crew, (firemen, cooks and stewards, licensed men), or the longshoremen who might become involved. While at a certain stage of the struggle, "job-action" was invaluable in forcing the shipowners to live up to the agreements they were violating, or to correct grievances on board ship, it was also true that the indiscriminate use of "job-action" especially when used to raise basic demands (such as the six-hour day) which could only be won by a major strike action, threatened the position of the unions, seamen and longshoremen alike, and often unnecessarily gave weapons into the hands of the shipowners to carry on their war against the Maritime Federation.

Resulted in Lockout

But Lundeberg, in opposition to practically the rest of the Federation and to a large portion of the Sailors' Union membership, continued with this "job-action" policy which finally resulted in a virtual lockout of all crafts by the shipowners, when over 60 steam-schooners were tied up early in 1936 over the demand for the six-hour day and overtime pay.

It was this incident that the shipowners seized upon to demand of the Scharenberg clique at the ISU convention to revoke the charter of the Sailors' Union, and the ISU officialdom promptly proceeded to carry out the shipowners' demands. Lundeberg was forced to retreat, on the steam-schooner demands, but his slogan: "This is sailors' question, and doesn't concern anyone else," still persisted.

A still sharper struggle developed over the Sailors' Union charter revocation. The syndicalists immediately came forward with a dual-union policy and even proposed the formation of an "American Seamen's Union." The membership, however, was rallied behind a policy of fighting for the return of the charter, and declaring their intention to fight to remain in the ISU and the AFL.

It was this policy that made it possible not only for the Sailors' Union membership to stand solid in the face of the splitting tactics of the ISU officials, but also won the unwavering support of the entire Maritime Federation and the whole labor movement, which resulted in the Sailors' Union winning back its right to remain in the Central Labor Councils and the State Federation of Labor, even though its charter has not yet been restored.

The first issue of "News of the California People's Legislative Conference" has been published, and copies can be obtained by writing or calling at these headquarters. The issue contains minutes of the Sacramento Conference.

Merriam Favoring Cal. Labor Court

RIVERSIDE.—Governor Merriam on Wednesday indicated that he will back the reactionary proposal in the legislature for the formation of a state labor court. This would mean compulsory arbitration, against which organized labor has repeatedly expressed its opposition.

Such a court, tried about a decade ago in Kansas, became an instrument to crush strikes and labor fought it bitterly until it was abandoned in that state.

Political Action

The third major question arose regarding "political action" in the discussions at the 1933 Maritime Federation Convention on a resolution favoring a Farmer-Labor Party. There Baldwin, staunch defender of British reaction, is expected to retire after the coronation of George VI, to be rewarded with an earldom.

BECOME AN EARL? LONDON—Premier Stanley Baldwin, staunch defender of British reaction, is expected to retire after the coronation of George VI, to be rewarded

How Trotzkyites Work With Fascists for War, Against Labor

Stalin Brought USSR Along Road of Lenin

By M. J. OLGIN

When Lenin died, just thirteen years ago (January 21, 1924), he left behind him the Soviets, the government of workers supported by the great masses of peasants. The Soviets were the ruling power of a country counting close to 160,000,000 people and spread over one-sixth of the surface of the earth. That Soviet rule was established in the course of the revolution of November 7, 1917, when Lenin was the leader.

When Lenin died, he left at the head of the Soviets the Bolshevik (Communist) Party representing the vanguard of the working class. It was the Bolshevik Party that had advocated planned and led the seizure of power by the workers in November, 1917, and that headed all the revolutionary activities of the Soviets after that historic date. The Bolshevik Party of Russia had been founded by Lenin in 1903 in a struggle against all kinds of opportunists.

When Lenin died he left behind him several dozen Communist Parties in all countries of the globe. These Parties united the most revolutionary workers everywhere; they organized the masses for an advance against capitalism, for the revolutionary struggle to conquer power and establish a Soviet system.

These Communist Parties, together with the Bolshevik Party of the Soviet Union, were united in the Communist International, the general staff of the world revolution. It was Lenin who, as leader of the well-established Bolshevik Party of Russia, in 1914-1916 aided in establishing the first nuclei of the Communist Parties in other countries and who, in 1919, founded the Communist International.

Road to Socialism

When Lenin died, he left the Soviet Union on the road to Socialism, but without a fully established Socialist system. There were still remnants of the Capitalists permitted to function in the country under the New Economic Policy. There were still some rich peasant exploiters.

The peasantry as a whole was yet based on private ownership of land and implements. But the strategic positions of the economic life were all in the hands of the workers.

The major industrial establishments, the entire transportation system, the natural resources, the bank and credit systems, foreign trade, a great deal of the home commerce were in the hands of the workers and peasants.

The land was in the hands of the state and transferred for use to the peasants. Starting from these conquests of the revolution, Lenin declared, it was possible to build Socialism. "Of course, we have not yet established a Socialist society, but we have all the means requisite for its establishment," he wrote in his last article dated May, 1923 ("On the Cooperatives").

Socialism Built Under Stalin

When Lenin died, Socialism was not yet established in the Soviet Union, but the road toward Socialism was clear, the plan of constructing Socialism was marked out by Lenin, and that plan was carried out by the Soviets, by the Bolshevik Party under the leadership of Lenin's life-long friend, disciple and collaborator, Joseph Stalin, the architect of the Socialist

REACTIONARIES CRIPPLE FRUIT WORKERS UNION

LABOR AND POLITICS In California and Nationally

By John Broman

Block Membership to All Workers in Industry

By An Agricultural Worker

WATSONVILLE — The Fruit and Vegetable Workers, Local 18,211, of California, held their annual convention here February 6 and 7, for the purpose of setting up headquarters independent from all locals, also for the composing of a new constitution.

The conference was composed of delegates from the locals of Santa Maria, Salinas, Imperial Valley, and the two locals of Watsonville.

Reactionaries Cripple Union

The Fruit and Vegetable Workers have an industrial charter, but their constitution membership is restricted to shed help only. There was quite a fight on the floor at the convention to have the constitution changed to take in all workers in the industry, but the reactionary forces overpowered the progressives.

The reactionaries don't want to open the charter to take in several thousand field workers who are waiting at their door to be organized.

The Fruit Workers' Local of Watsonville wrote to William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor. Green answered with a letter to the local, leaving it entirely up to the membership of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union as to whom they take into the union.

But the progressives have never been able to get this question before the body for a vote. The reactionary body blocks this movement all the time.

Even in the conference of February 6 and 7, one of the reactionary delegates asked the financial secretary if he is willing to move.

If they move headquarters, if this constitution is adopted, it will leave the Fruit Workers of Watsonville hanging on a limb. If the wind blows, they will fall.

NON-UNION ERA COST ALASKAN PACKERS MORE

Racketeers, Union Fighting Were More Expensive

By An Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO — In accord with reports of several Alaska cannery workers, who have been going to Alaska about 12 or 15 years, the expense for manpower was higher in pre-union days than it is today under union conditions.

The difference today is that wages for labor are paid to the worker, instead of the various labor racketeers.

Yet the packers tried, with all their might last year, to crush the unions—and still are trying. Don't think for one minute they aren't.

In view of these facts, one can only come to one conclusion—that the packers will go to any expense to keep labor unorganized to preserve their loved system of exploitation and slavery. (Also, the packers realize that organized workers are in a position to fight for better wages and conditions.—Ed.)

Reasons Why

The following are reasons why these workers think the packers paid more for canning their salmon under non-union conditions:

1. Especial privileges to their foremen; 2. Law suits by workers who were shanghaied from wild parties into the ships by company racketeers; 3. Fines paid by packers to South-eastern Alaskan authorities for permitting transportation of dope by racketeers; 4. Fees paid jail authorities of the states to allow prisoners to be shanghaied to Alaska for little or no wages—wages going to racketeers; 5. Feeding and even supplying dope for about one month before going to Alaska.

6. Paying rent for sloop-kitchen and sleeping quarters for about one month before going to Alaska; 7. Anti-labor expense union-crushing, etc.; 8. Paying room rent for privileged reactionaries of labor; 9. Expenses paid such labor faker organizers as Nathan, who stalled the "union" in 1934 until the scabs could board the packers' ship—then he vanished like the rat he is, and went looking for another union to break or another group of workers to mislead.

Let the packers try to buy our present officials and see how disappointed they'll be!

LABOR AND POLITICS In California and Nationally

By John Broman

THIS COLUMN'S RECENT OUTLINE of the Progressive party of California, has met with objections from one of our readers in Martinez, who writes as follows:

"Progressive Knife Farmer-Labor Party" headlined in the last issue of the Worker and the editorial summary by Br. Broman—indicates a sad lack of understanding of the principles and objectives and of the men who make up the present Progressive Party of this state.

"Everyone from top to bottom, crosswise and quadrilaterally, whatever that may mean—have their eyes set on an economic change in our system that is designed to attain the security interests, the happiness interests, and a community contentedness for the mass of economically underprivileged. That is what you and I and every intelligent liberal are for."

"We are for an unlimited production and exchange for USE by and for the unemployed of our county, state, and nation—a complete and permanent security which can only be translated in terms of collective ownership of the soil and tools of production and exchange. That is what you and I are for. That is what these men are for."

"These men and I are for any coalition of political power from whatever may be the source—that has these principles and objectives..."

"Now why should we harshly and contemptuously criticize each other when we are all agreed on the same object. Let us rather go right on with the already successful philosophy of coalition of the different local but liberal organizations and amalgamate that power at the opportune time. We are for such an amalgamation and whether that will be a Farmer-Labor Party, the Communist Party, the Commonwealth Federation, the Democratic Party or whatever."

"A Farmer-Labor Party is not a party to change the capitalist system; it is a party, based upon the trade unions but including the small farmers and lower middle-class people, which will fight for the immediate day-to-day demands of the people, and which will stand as a bulwark against the Wall Street gang who want to crush the labor movement and the people under a Hitler-like dictatorship."

"I am enclosing a pamphlet just received from our executive secretary that I am sure will be of help to your Mr. Broman for future use when analyzing this particular bunch of Progressives."

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First of all, we grant that there are sincere progressives who are following this so-called "Progressive Party," but we still maintain that objectively whether deliberate or unconscious, this party is acting to split the constantly growing forces for a Farmer-Labor Party in California.

On the basis of individuals in this party, we know that Raymond L. Haight (a Republican "big-shot" before 1934) was a splitter in the 1934 election campaign, when he split away many votes from Upton L. Sinclair. And we also know that Al Sessions acted as a splitter last year when he left the Epic movement to set up his "Progressive Party" machinery because the state-wide conference for political action, called by the End Poverty League, came out firmly for the building of a

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We further believe that only the Communist Party is able to lead the workers to a Socialist society, as has been convincingly proved by the glorious Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

This is substantiated by two workers in our recent meeting at Delano for this purpose. I also obtained the same information from three of the boys who are intending to work with him. Filipino union members are having nothing to do with Alow's proposition.

Learning From Failure

We have pleased with comrades and sympathizers to bring donations of food—sing songs—make speeches—do anything that might help to get us through an evening with a measure of success socially and a small sum financially. Some of these parties have been successes and some have been failures. In many instances, the committee in charge was quite worn out with the work entailed in bringing the party into being.

Sometimes, some of us have wondered if the expenditure of energy was not too great for the success achieved.

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PLAN CHARTS ON PEOPLE'S BILLS VOTING

List E. Bay Assembly Dist. Legislative Meetings

By a Worker Correspondent
BERKELEY — A large chart to show how each legislator voted on each of the bills sponsored by the California People's Legislative Conference, will be compiled as "check-up" at the end of the Legislature session.

Attorney Alfred Aram, in this "Party" wrote a viciously anti-labor pamphlet on the Salinas strike.

A Splitting Program...

In the pamphlet enclosed in the letter, I find no one word about the growing labor ticket movements in Los Angeles and in Alameda County, the movements that will form the backbone of a Farmer-Labor Party.

Without a solid base in the trade unions, an independent political party can have no hope of success.

It's true that the pamphlet refers to the right of collective bargaining and trade union wages for the unemployed, but that is all. I am sending the writer a copy of our Communist Party legislative program, which is, in reality, the kind of bread and butter program a Farmer-Labor Party would advance.

The writer says "these men and I are for any coalition of political power,"—the above printed record of the splitting moves of two of the leaders, is sufficient proof to the contrary.

What a Farmer-Labor Party Is

The writer says the "Progressive Party" is for "an economic change in our system." Presumably this is to be accomplished primarily through production for use, which would result in "collective ownership of the soil and tools of production and exchange."

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CANDY UNION SLAPS POOR AGREEMENT

Members Won't Take On "Gentlemen's Agreement"

By a Candy Worker
SAN FRANCISCO — Contrary to reports in the daily press, Confectionery Local 24 has NOT entered into an agreement with the manufacturers.

The union officials carrying on negotiations with the manufacturers' labor relations committee, were enticed into forgetting the union demands and made to recognize the "virtues" of the employers' proposals.

Two times an attempt was made to hitch this employer creation on the membership, and for the second time the rank-and-file put it on the shelf.

"Gentlemanly" The daily press report of an agreement was, in the officials' words, a "gentlemen's agreement."

The officials' trick in their attempt to shove this thing over, is to talk on everything but the agreement till the rank-and-file get sleepy and then adjourn the meeting.

This failed, however, as the official doing the filibustering had to stop for a breath of air—whereupon an alert rank-and-filer demanded to know what was what.

Officials on the Spot The demand of a secret ballot vote at the next meeting, definitely put the officials on the spot, and the dotted line is still lacking a signature.

Plenty of work remains to be done and will be done as soon as the militant members gain democratic control. The nucleus of a healthy rank-and-file movement exists within the union, and rank-and-filers are beginning to unite for action on common grounds.

Twenty thousand leaflets advertising the assembly district meetings and county meeting will be distributed in the county, and 1000 posters, 100 for each assembly meeting and 500 for county meeting, will go out.

Worker Warns of Scab-Herder

The Workers' Correspondence editor apologizes to the "Western" readers for skipping one issue in reporting the winner of the prize workers' correspondence story of the week.

The stories are coming in so thick and fast we almost had to send out for some rubber type!

Keep them coming—in the more the better, and we'll get the rubber type if necessary.

The winner is the Long Beach worker who sent in the fine exposure of a drive by open-shoppers in his town against organized labor and the phoney actions of Carl Fletcher, editor of the Long Beach Labor News—the story appeared two issues ago and wins the prize of "The Story of the Reichstag Fire Trial."

Next issue we're going to announce the winner, as usual. The prize is "What is Communism" by Earl Browder. And the following week the prize will be another book you've all wanted—"The Coming Struggle for Power" by John Strachey.

After that comes a new surprise contest for the best workers' correspondence story—watch succeeding issues for an announcement.

Send in your story today!

Failure to Success in House Parties

is quite important.

Right after the New Year, we decided to hold a Western Worker house party. The date was set. A committee typed tickets and began getting them into the hands of all sympathizers.

Of course, the tickets were attractive: Turkey Dinner—25¢; 6:30 p. m.—Good Speakers—etc.

The committee got 75 lbs. of fine, fresh turkeys, vegetables, coffee, milk and cake enough donated for the dinner. They secured Dr. Coleman to talk on his trip to the USSR in 1936.

All week, prior to the date of the party, people came to the home of the chairman of the committee asking what they could do to help make the party a success—asking for additional tickets to sell—offering donations of food and help in serving the dinner.

A collection of \$21.00 was taken for the workers' press following a nice short talk by the chairman. The net proceeds amounted to \$40.00. Was the dinner good? Was the party a success? Ask those who attended!! Echoes are still reverberating about the town.

People who did not attend are sorry and those who did are asking for another party—and we will give it to them:

"More and Better House Parties" might be a good slogan until we have them established regularly in various parts of the town. Let's try it!

Anti-Fascist Spain Salutes You!



"GLORY TO Mexico; Anti-Fascist Spain Salutes You," reads

the banner spread on the Spanish steamer Mar Cantabrico,

waiting at Vera Cruz harbor for additional supplies to

Spanish people.

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L.A., Oakland and San Francisco Plan Big Affairs Mar. 6

California's three major centers of population will see big doings on the night of March 6th when all hands will turn out for entertainment, education—and the Workers' Press.

This is the night to close the drive for the sustaining fund to enable the Western Worker, Daily Worker and Sunday Worker to continue as important instruments to rally aid to Spain, to guide and strengthen workers' organizations in their campaigns, in their strikes and in the struggle.

WESTERN WORKER—DAILY WORKER DRIVE STANDING AS OF FEBRUARY 13TH, 1937

Quota	\$12,000.00
Raised To Date	5,715.28
Percentage Raised	47.06%
Yet To Be Raised	6,284.72

Let's organize the political strength of the progressive forces of California into a Farmer-Labor Party.

L. A. and Oakland Looking for Halls

Both Oakland and Los Angeles are looking for halls suitable to hold the scheduled affairs. In Oakland it will be an Interna-

"TROTZKYS" OF YEAR 1776

(Continued from Page 5) in the southwest, entered into secret alliance with secret service agents of Spain, secretly took oath of allegiance to Spain and was in the pay of Spain as their agent "Number Thirteen."

By this treasonable agreement Spain got the rich fur trade of Kentucky and Wilkinson got support from Spain for his plan for separating that whole territory from the United States and ruling it himself. Much the same kind of treasonable plot as Trotzky made with Hitler in offering Germany the Ukraine.

To carry this through, Wilkinson, then a power in the frontier country, incited the Indians to join with the Spaniards in attacking surveying crews sent out by the U.S. Government to trace the boundaries. He sent an agent Philip Nolan, to view the land west of the Mississippi, with the idea of enlarging his "empire."

Conspired with Burr

Later, as governor after the purchase of Louisiana, he conspired with Aaron Burr, disgraced Vice-President who assassinated Alexander Hamilton, to seize a great territory and set up a monarchy in the far southwest. But he double-crossed Burr, who had been in treasonable conspiracy with both British and Spanish ministers to Washington. He arrested Burr himself.

Both were tried and, though acquitted, disgraced. A pariah, Burr was driven from America; though Wilkinson, the most complicated traitor of all, wound up his career at the very city and in the same country where now Trotzky resides.

Only the traitor Wilkinson appeared in Mexico City as an agent of the American Bible Society, while Trotzky in the land of Montezuma stands stripped by the Moscow trial as the revolting advanced guard of world fascism, enemy of mankind and incendiary of war.

All revolutions have their distinctive characteristics. They not only may, but do, differ greatly from each other in class content. But all without exception give birth not only to heroes and honest leaders, but to treason plots and traitors.

OAKLAND DINNER TO AID WESTERN WORKER

OAKLAND.—Lawrence Ross, editor of the Western Worker, will be guest speaker at a chicken dinner to be given by the Alameda County Western Worker Drive Committee at Carpenters' Hall, 761 Twelfth St., at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 20.

Ross will speak on the struggle of the Spanish people against Fascism. An entertainment program will accompany the eight-course dinner. Reservations, at 50 cents per plate at the 20th Century Bookstore, 567 Twelfth St.

GRANTED CITIZENSHIP

PRAGUE—Thomas Mann, anti-Nazi refugee and famous German author whom the Hitler government deprived of German citizenship, has been granted citizenship by the Czechoslovakian government.

JOHN LAW ABUSES THE LAW

Bill was on the bum in Riverside County. He bummed meals and slept along the railroad track. The privation and exposure was weakening him, so he accepted a hen house, an open-lath affair, for a bedroom and three meals a day, no money, from a religious one-acre farmer and his wife. In return he did the weeding, cleaning of hen house and all outside work, providing he be allowed to get outside work with the citrus growers around.

Six or seven weeks, Bill held it down, minus his tobacco. Then a next door neighbor gave him 50 cents to clean a hen house, and that was a big 50-cent piece to Bill.

An Offer

Two weeks rolled by and another citrus grower offered Bill \$1.50 for a day's work of nine hours. Bill took it for a reserve fund for tobacco, just one only. The grower came again for Bill's hen-house room, got jealous of

THREE R'S IN SCHOOL AMID FIRE OF GUNS

Spanish Youth Study To Build Future Of Country

By ANNA LOUISE STRONG

I have often been asked what is the sharpest single picture I bring with me from my weeks in Spain. That's easy. It is the picture of an underground school in the trenches, where the soldiers of Lister's brigade were studying reading, writing, arithmetic, geography—all the ordinary grammar school subjects—while rifle bullets pattered on the sheltering sandbags. A school room in a front trench dugout. I had thought that life in the front lines was chiefly fighting. A moment's thought would have told me that it is chiefly waiting. Waiting, always on guard, for the attack from one side or the other to begin. What shall this waiting period be filled with?—that determines the character of the army. The armies of the People's Front are filling it with study. This fact alone shows their morale; they don't intend to die or be defeated. They intend to live victorious in an educated Spain.

Brigade No. 1

Lister's brigade where I saw the school, ranks as Brigade No. 1 of the new People's Army. Living underground in crowded dugouts is not easy; but they turn it into an experiment in camping. They disinfect the dugouts daily. They have fitted their underground holes up with old leather sofas, mattresses, cushions, rescued from houses destroyed by bombardment in Madrid.

Every turn of the trench as it follows the curve of the hill has a street name, lettered on a rough board: Mexico St., Bastille St., Our Folks St., were among the names I saw. Every underground dugout is named for a hotel: Hotel Moscow, Hotel Morocco, Hotel Madrid.

Lister is a Galician from the Northwest corner of Spain. Stonemason by trade he studied war manuals for a year before the Fascist revolt.

Close by a machine gun nest which looked out in two directions towards the enemy one hundred yards away, Lister picked up a big megaphone. . . ."Propaganda for the Moors," he smiled. "We call across no man's land and invite them to come over and join us."

Lesson From Soviet Film

Lister's brigade developed the first anti-tank corps. "The tanks scared us terribly at first," they told me. "Then we got a Soviet motion picture film. 'We Are From Kronstadt,' which showed Russian workers fighting tanks. We studied this picture again and again and learned just how to do it. Now one of our best fighters has four tanks in succession to his credit; he just sneaked up to them one by one and threw hand grenades."

The regular Madrid newspapers—it may surprise you but they still print about 15 different ones in Madrid, reduced to four pages each for want of paper—come into Lister's trenches. The boys who can read well, read aloud to the others. There is also a traveling barber shop—a camouflaged truck holding three barber chairs—visiting these lines. Lister's men all the comforts of home!

But Can Be Cured

QUESTION: I am a garage mechanic and I often get an itching skin disease when I get gasoline on my skin. Can anything be done for this? — R. L.

ANSWER: There have been some new methods found to make a person insensitive to an external substance. This must be carried out by a doctor, as it is done wrong, the patient might get a severe reaction.

The doctor will inject small amounts of gasoline under the skin or will have you bathe in water daily which contains increasing amounts of gasoline.

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ANSWER: A hydrocele is a sac surrounding a testicle, which is filled with water. The injec-

World-Famed Soviet Arctic Expert



PROF. OTTO SCHMIDT, noted Soviet Arctic explorer, is shown talking to Young Pioneers at a polytechnic museum in the Soviet Union. Famous for his work in the frozen north, including his leadership of the famous Chelyuskin expedition, he was recently made an honorary member of the Explorers' Club of America. The club has only 17 living honorary members, and new ones can be elected only upon the death of one of the 17.

HEALTH

By F. E. BISSELL, M. D.

QUESTION: I am a service man for a mechanical refrigerating company and I often have to breathe in sulphur dioxide gas. Since working there I have developed a cough and I bring up large amounts of sputum. Could this be caused by my occupation and can I get industrial compensation? — G. S.

ANSWER: What you probably have is a condition called bronchiectasis, which consists of many small abscesses in the lungs.

Such a condition may very well be due to the gases that you are forced to breathe, and I think that you therefore have a good case for industrial compensation.

Bakelite Industry

QUESTION: In the Bakelite plant where I work, many workers often get a red rash on their hands and sometimes a cough and watering and redness of the eyes. — G. G.

ANSWER: These symptoms are quite common in Bakelite plants. They can be prevented by the company taking proper precautions. Gas masks are not successful and therefore your Union should demand that they install a spot exhaust system at the point where the dust is created in the moulding operation.

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Anti-Semitism By I.S.U. Reactionaries at A.F.L. Hearings

It's a Useful Method of Persuasion



OWNERS OF 300 New York office buildings are being persuaded to renew contracts with the Building Service Employees Union, by rapid-fire strikes which cripple elevator service, as in this building, where tenants are wishing the workers well.

CHARGE FREY, ARCH CIO FOE, IS AN AGENT OF ARMY INTELLIGENCE

Article Gives Facts to Show Metal Trades Department Head Acts for War Department Against Interests of Organized Labor; Refused to Help LaFollette Committee.

WASHINGTON—Reports that he is the liaison agent between the American Federation of Labor and the intelligence division of the Army were termed "ridiculous" and "not worthy of an answer" by John P. Frey, president of the metal trades department of the AFL. But his denials don't ring true.

UNIFIED POLICY VS. FINK BOOK

SAN PEDRO—The following telegram dispatched by the crew of the S.S. Memphis City to Congressman Sirovich:

"Request repeat of Copeland discharge book as invasion of personal rights. Blacklisting possibilities endanger Unions. Similar legislation broke English and Australian unions. Existing passports and discharges sufficient identification, as crew of Memphis City prefer Seamen's Act 1915, Article 13 unamended."

Although the crew of this ship are correct in their opposition to the notorious fink book, the demand to repeal outright an Act which has already been made a law in the country is far more difficult than to attempt to gain amendments to anti-labor clauses of the Act.

The Sirovich Bill, now before Congress, calls for suspension of the Act until Labor has a chance to amend its present form. The Act in itself involves much more than the question of seamen personnel. By attempting to scrap the entire Act, we would automatically rally those powerful forces behind the Act, who have their fingers in the huge government subsidies, shipyard contracts and so forth.

However, by organized and united Labor raising objections to the anti-union clauses of the Act, we can mobilize nationwide support behind our fight. THE FIGHT AGAINST THE FINK BOOK MUST BE A UNIFIED ONE WITH A SINGLE POLICY BACKED BY ALL.

Form L.A. Mooney Billings Group

LOS ANGELES—A meeting to arrange for the organization of Los Angeles Committee for Freedom of Mooney and Billings, is to be held at the Labor Temple, Sunday, February 21, at 10:30 a.m., with all local unions asked to send two delegates to attend the meeting.

Herbert Resner, secretary of the San Francisco Bay Area of the American Federation of Labor Committees for the Freedom of Mooney and Billings, in a letter to the Central Labor Council, declared:

"We hope by means of these committees to set in motion a new and vigorous drive to the Organized Labor movement of America that will insure victory in the Mooney-Billings case. With the habeas corpus action expected to go to the Supreme Court of the United States and a measure now pending in the California legislature providing for the pardon of Mooney, a tremendous field of activity is opened up for us in the fight to cure justice in this famous legal case."

Pharmacists Holding Strong in Thrifty Store Strike, L. A.

LOS ANGELES—The Pharmacists' Union is still out on strike against the Thrifty Drug stores.

This despite renewed statements from the Thrifty Company that the strike had been ended. The Pharmacists' Union has issued the following public statement:

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The Thrifty Drug Company is on the official Unfair List of the Central Labor Council, and will remain so until they settle with the Union."

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OIL WORKERS UNION GROWS IN SPRINGS

Santa Fe Springs Men Hold Their Second Organization Meet

By Oil Worker's Union Member

SANTA FE SPRINGS, Cal.—A second committee meeting of the new oil workers' group for this field was held tonight in the DAV hall in Norwalk—added to the bunch who attended last week were the truck drivers and garage workers.

Wilshire workers predominated, but there were also quite a few from the General Petroleum, Shell and Union.

Why Not Organize?

Attorney Dan Boone, of the Long Beach local was the principal speaker. After a talk on organization he said: "If it's good for the boss, why isn't it good for you? The very fact that he opposes your organization ought to prove that to you."

After the educational, the meeting was closed and the new members initiated.

Come From Long Beach

President Crail and Secretary Coulter conducted the meeting.

A number of the Long Beach local also attended—having heard of the enthusiasm with which the Springs workers were signing up.

The Santa Fe Springs meeting will be conducted every Thursday at a branch of the Long Beach Local No. 128 for the time being.

The location of the union hall near the field is going to insure a greater attendance at meetings as the shift workers can go directly from there to work.

The little town of Norwalk is sure a lively place on Thursday night.

Why Mr. Quinn Is Sick of the "Reds"

OAKLAND—"We're sick of the Reds!" Pretty Boy Quinn speaking. "Me and the bosses are sick of the Reds. Me and the Chamber of Commerce are sick of the Reds."

The report may explain why the LaFollette Committee, in exposing the National Metal Trades Association as a far-flung espionage agency engaged with the aid of some of Frey's subordinates, in sabotaging the very unions Frey is supposed to lead, was unable to obtain any helpful data from Frey but was offered him, instead, a mass of alleged evidence showing Communist infiltration of the trade unions.

Quinn is editor of the East Bay Labor Journal and Councilman of the City of Oakland, seeking another term of office in the spring elections.

Quinn's attitude is easily understood when we learn that he is part of the Republican machine in Alameda County, and one of the reactionary leaders of the Building Trades Council who has persistently fought the launching of a labor slate of candidates, thus helping to keep labor shackled to the old-line political parties.

Thus Spake Mr. Quinn

"We don't want the Western Worker around here!" Thus spake Mr. J. H. Quinn. Tish, tish, Mr. Quinn. Where are your journalistic ethics?

Mr. Quinn was willing to speak until he heard the question:

"The East Bay Labor Journal is inconsistent," he was told by this interviewer. "In one column you admit the existence of a Policy Committee representing the Non-Partisan Federation of Labor. In a more conspicuous column you deny it, in effect. What is the explanation?"

Then Mr. Quinn expressed his distaste of the Western Worker. Perhaps Mr. Quinn was slightly peeved at himself for being a half-hour late for an appointment in his modern office with some well-dressed visitors. Then again Mr. Quinn may have been angry because he was put on the spot as it were, with the question:

The pertinent question referred to a resolution prominently printed on page one, column one, passed by the Trades Council:

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They Viciously Slander Rank and File Men

WASHINGTON—Contending forces within the International Seamen's Union laid their dispute before the executive council of the American Federation of Labor here in accordance with an agreement reached with William Green, president of the council.

Green agreed that the executive council would hear both sides as the rank and file group in the union was pressing its case before the National Labor Relations Board. Hearings before the board were suspended while the executive council conducted its investigation. Green promised the rank and file group that an election under the auspices of the NLRB would be ordered by the council "if necessary."

Not Representatives of Members

Rank and file members of the ISU contend that agreements reached with shipowners are invalid because they were not approved by the membership in a referendum vote. They further contend that present officers of the ISU are not representatives of the rank and file.

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